

December 21, 2010

Dear Kansas Organic Producer, Handler or Certifier:

USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service has notified the Kansas Department of Agriculture that the national Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Agreement 12-25-5310 will provide Kansas with \$40,000 for cost-share assistance to organic producers or handlers who received certification, or continue with certification, from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.


Under our new agreement with USDA, and as long as funds remain available, we are able to reimburse producers and handlers up to 75 percent of the cost of organic certification up to \$750, for certification occurring between October 1, 2010, and September 30, 2011.

To receive cost-share funds, you must complete the 2010-2011 Kansas Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application and submit it with a copy of your organic certification document and an invoice showing the amount you paid for the certification.

I have enclosed the application form for your convenience.

If you have questions, please call Mark Heim at (785) 296-3230.

Sincerely,


Josh Svaty
Secretary of Agriculture